



DeKalb County Government

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Draft -Minutes

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

2:15 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 2:18 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Cochran-Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Absent 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

I. MINUTES

2022-1617 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the May 3, 2022 Employee Relations and Public Safety
Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rader

II. STATUS UPDATE

Brannon Hill Condominiums

-information provided by Assistant Chief Padrick

-Question TT: there is still a lookout for this individual?

-G Padrick: yes sir and we are working with the Sheriff's office Fugitive Apprehension Unit, and the homicide assault unit number 770-724-7850 if anyone has information related to the suspect

-Question SB: regarding the incident, it started at Brannon Hill, they took it somewhere else, and they came back?

G Padrick: It is dispute related of a dispute that occurred a couple of days earlier; the party left and returned later

-Z Williams: Director Mitchell will come on to discuss historic and present activities at Brannon Hill. Director Hardy will follow up with the ongoing code enforcement activities, and Attorney Ernstes will discuss the litigation in court. I will discuss ARP funds that can be allocated to address this and also announce an upcoming food giveaway at Brannon Hills

-information provided by Director Mitchell

-Question TT: has the law department provided information related to eminent domain? Has the County utilized this?

A Mitchell: for right of ways but not for general purposes

-information provided by COO Williams on ARP funds related to affordable housing

-information provided by Director Hardy on the code enforcement aspects

-Question TT: is the condominium association still responsible for code violations?

T Hardy: That's correct for common areas; as it relates to specific units the owners of the units are responsible

-Question TT: are there other buildings under investigation?

T Hardy: those are the only 2 now that are being actively investigated? If other buildings do meet the criteria we'll process those as well

-information from County Attorney Ernstes on outline the statutory IN REM process, of this specific case, and discussion of the eminent domain issue

-Question TT: what happens after a building has been condemned and there is a concrete pad; who owns that pad?

V Ernstes: information provided by Attorney Ernstes

-TT: a lot of the remediation has been around the blight task force; I understand there are procedural issues to go through. If we continue on with just the blight focus, clearing out the buildings one by one, we are not addressing the vacant slabs. What can we do beyond what is already happening, while we work our way through an ultimate solution of condemning the old buildings?

Z Williams: ultimately I think where the conversation goes - is what does affordable housing look like in DeKalb County? There will be units that leave a lot to be desired. I don't know how we have that conversation, but there are number of other multi-family housing complexes around DeKalb that have no other choice other than extended stays. We will try to make it as safe and clean as possible, but the conversation is broader than this

-TT: it is broader, but I want to address what is happening at Brannon Hills. A blight strategy is not enough, because what comes after that is replacing those properties on site. Brannon Hill is the problem and is begging for more attention. In the Memorial Drive revitalization study, not a word mentioned Brannon Hills; Memorial Drive revitalization doesn't happen as long as Brannon Hill continues to be the center of crime and other issues happening. What is the long term approach to turning this around?

-Z Williams: I believe we're on the same page; our attempts and success at addressing blight has improved the condition but has not turned it around in a way that we would like. We need to revisit what are the policy decisions that need to be made, whether it be housing assistance, eminent domain, etc.

-TT: we should have some updates from the blight task force

-Z Williams: that would help with a lot of this in sharing the information of what is being done and would help to develop policies.

-MDJ: you are focusing on Brannon Hills, which is one of the issues; I believe it's a much larger discussion rather than the complex itself

-TT: this is a walk and chew gum opportunity to address the multifaceted issues. This is also a question of equity, when the community has asked for help for years, and the government doesn't take action after the cameras are gone

-LCJ: Attorney Ernstes I will speak with you offline on the County recouping monies invested in Brannon Hill related to repairs and actions related to public safety

-TT: I had 6 and a half years as Mayor of Clarkston; we have got to do more; I am now a Commissioner for this area and we have a responsibility to keep this a top priority. COO Williams could you mention what is happening this Saturday?

-information provided by COO Williams

-TT: what are we doing to clean up the public health issue that is in the parking lot? I have a request from an organization to waive the landfill tipping fees so they can clean it up

-Z Williams: I will see if I have the authority to waive the tipping fees; but we will take care of it commissioner

III. DISCUSSION

Mental Health Legislative Recap

-discussion not heard in committee

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2021-3338](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.
This agenda item was No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/24/2022 .

Not heard in Committee

New Agenda Items:

[2022-1596](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution authorizing membership in ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency Supplemental Medical Accident and Disability Fund to obtain/maintain firefighter cancer insurance
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-information provided by Director Jacobs

-Question SB: are there ramifications of us not opting into this?

L Jacobs: We would be in violation of HB 146 and we would have to conduct a RFP, but I'm confident this is the best route forward

-Question MDJ: could you say what this coverage affords that our insurance coverage doesn't afford? I'm very much in favor of this

L Jacobs: this policy gives the firefighter an immediate payout of \$25,000 upon diagnosis of cancer. It also gives them 3 years of continued income at 60% until they get better or they have to quit

[2022-1534](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1234093, DeKalb Police Promotional Selection & Testing Process Services (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the development and administration of employment examinations and promotional testing processes for sworn personnel. Awarded to Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc. dba IOS. Amount Not To Exceed: \$14,765.00.

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Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-information provided by Chief Ramos

-Question TT: I see the expiration is the end of 2023; would they have to wait until the next testing period?

-M Ramos: no sir; additional information provided by Chief Ramos

-Question TT: so there are predetermined windows to take the test?

M Ramos: yes sir

[2022-1564](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1200000 Employee Health and Benefits Consulting Services (Multi-Year): for use by Finance-Risk Management (RM). This contract consists of providing professional brokerage and consulting services related to County Employees' Health and Welfare Benefits. Awarded to Buck Global, LLC. No Cost to the County.

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-information provided by Director Jacobs

-Question TT: what would go wrong in the contract?

-information provided by Director Jacobs

-Question TT: this is something that is standard with their other clients?

L Jacobs: they wouldn't have business with the county if they had unlimited liability; we looked at the risk and we are comfortable with it

2022-1579

Commission District(s): All
SS - First Responder State-Specific Policy and Training Support
Solution Services: for use by Fire Rescue (FR). Consists of the
purchase of first responders' policy specific, training and wellness
support solutions hosted application service and maintenance for two
(2) additional years. Awarded to: Lexipol, LLC. Amount Not To
Exceed: \$120,735.55.

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that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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-information provided by Chief Fullum

-Question TT: this is a new contract?

D Fullum: yes sir it is a totally new contract; additional information provided by Chief Fullum

-Question TT: will this be specific to Fire & Rescue

D Fullum: it is specific to Fire & Rescue; everything from fire ground to interaction type of station

-Question TT: does the client work with other departments?

D Fullum: yes sir they work with departments across the nation and are very well known

2022-1656

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, As Revised 1988,
Chapter 20, Article VIII, to Recognize General Election Day as a Paid
County Holiday.

**This agenda item was No recommendation to the Board of
Commissioners due back on 5/24/2022 .**

Not heard in Committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:47 PM

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw,
that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried
by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rader